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212 West 37th Street
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Dear Dr. Wood,

At last, I have found leisure to review my coins - am very sorry to convey to you that I have no Colonial coins. However, I think some of my Coins will interest you am enclosing a description of them and apologize for intruding on your valuable time. All of these coins belong to my brother Harry with the exception of the cent of 1857, the Columbian Half dollar of 1893 and the silver dollar of 1878 they are mine.

I am trying hard to acquire the 1892 Half Dollar, I am to see a friend

this week who may be able to assist me. Quite a number of my friends have old coins and when I have leisure, I shall look them over. If you would be kind enough to tell me what Colonial coin or coins are in demand I may be successful. I have quite a number of Coins books that I have had for sometime and shall read them carefully as I am certain that they will assist me a great deal. Now in the line of Colonial or Confederate stamps, if you would be kind enough to tell me just what years you wish — I presume before 1880 would be the best.

I presume you think I have my nerve imposing on your good nature, but I feel sure you are kind and generous enough to assist me - and I assure you I would do likewise.

You. Wood these coins have been uncirculated for years and I would class all of them good and better still fine. This Columbian Half Dollar of 1893 appears to me to be uncirculated it is bright and looks as though it just came from the mint - however, I shall not be too positive. I have not cleaned any of these coins and do not intend too, so please do not think that I have.

At your convenience I would appreciate and answer.

Thanking you for your kindness and trouble,

November third
Nineteen Thirty.

Sincerely yours,
(Miss) Jeanette Galina

212 West 37th Street
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Dear Mr. Woods,

May I apologize for troubling you again? I sent you a letter two weeks ago containing information about my Coins.

I realize that you are a very busy person but I would appreciate an answer at least to let me know if you received my letter. I trust you did, because it required hours to look over my Coins and write you the information I did.

As yet I haven't been able to acquire the Columbian Half dollar of 1892 -

but if there is any possible chance I shall— however, I think I am lucky to have a 1893 Columbian half dollar.

When you have leisure, I shall appreciate an answer, I am sorry that I trouble you so much.

Thanking you for your kindness and trouble.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Jeanette Gadina

Nov. 22,1930

Miss Jeanette Galina
212 West 37th Street
Savannah, Ga.

Dear Miss Galina:

Permit me to apologize for the delay in answering your previous letter. We have had to concentrate on getting ready for the opening of our Museum which took place last Thursday. I have carefully gone through your list of coins and find that unfortunately none of them are rare. The only pieces that would really bring a premium is the 1798 cent and the three-dollar gold piece. However, if you desired to buy them you would have to pay a slight premium on all of them. You ought to be able to pick up a Columbian half-dollar, dated 1792, for anywhere up to one dollar. I would not advise you to pay more. One is very seldom able to pick up good Colonial coins. All of those in silver are worth while, such as the Pine-Tree, the Baltimore and Annapolis issues; the other Colonial coins should be in nice condition. The Confederate stamps that are worth while are those issued by the various postmasters in 1861. Many of these do not look at all like stamps, and if found on envelopes should be left thereon intact. Although the south has been pretty well scoured, there must be many still tucked away. They are worth on the market, from a few dollars each up to many hundred dollars. Of the regular Confederate issue, the larger size stamps are the more desirable, such as the 5¢ green, the large 10¢ blue, 5¢ blue, 2¢ green, 10¢ rose; but the small 5¢ light blue and 10¢ light blue and 20¢ green are still common. The 2¢ red-brown, if cancelled, is rare. Any of the regular U. S. stamps except the 3¢ one before 1873, are worth picking up!

If this does not answer all your questions, please do not hesitate to call on me again.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

212 West 37th Street
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Dear Sir. Wood.

Kindly pardon my negligence for not acknowledging your kind letter sooner, I have been ill with "la grippe" and to-day is the first time that I have felt strong enough to attempt to write a letter. Permit me to thank you for your information and I am sure it required a great deal of your leisure, as I can imagine how rushed you must have been.

Am sorry that you didn't consider any of my coins rare, you perceive, Sir Wood that these coins belong to my brother, and unknown to him

I took the liberty of writing you about them. In any I tell you why? My brother has been more than kind and generous to me - and when the Cotton market broke here eight years ago he lost everything he had - thousands of dollars. I thought it would be a lovely surprise if I could dispose of some of them - providing I had any rare ones and assist him to start all over again. I do know that eighteen thousand dollars was paid for a 1804 one cent coin - and I was hoping I would be lucky enough to have at least one or two coins - so as I could assist to give him a start in business again, as the Cotton

business appears to be returning here - so you perceive my motive was love and a desire to return all this kindnesses to me as I wouldn't benefit a cent by the sales - it would make me happy to know that I had helped - maybe better luck next time.

I was reading in the Times about the sale of the Rare Copper Coins from the collection of Gen. Wm C. Carr, the cents of 1793, 1796 and 1799 being in his collection. And while I think of it, I desire to convey to you that I have a 1892 Columbian Half Dollar and they are scarce here - you know, I think I shall commence a collection myself. In the meantime I shall be on the look out for any red stamps before 1873 - also 1861.

If I succeed I shall let you know.

Please accept my sincere thanks again for your kindness, information and trouble. Best wishes for a merry Xmas and the best of health and luck for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Jeanette Galina